



T-PCHC MINUTES

The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) met in the Mayor and Council Conference Room, City Hall, 1st floor, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona, at 12:03 p.m., on Wednesday, December 9, 2009.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Members Present:

Teresita Majewski, Chair	Gerald Juliani
Norma Niblett, Vice Chair	Carlos Lozano
Sharon Chadwick	Bill Mackey
Demion Clinco (arrived @ 12:09 pm)	Kathy Nabours
Stephen Grede	Sybil Needham
Albert Guidero	Patsy Waterfall
Joe Joaquin	Eileen Warshaw

Members Absent:

Sandee Brooke	Bettina Lyons
Annette Campbell	Estevan Rodriguez
Sarah Herr	Gal Witmer

Others Present:

Jonathan Mabry	Historic Preservation Officer, COT Urban Planning & Design
Linda Mayro	Cultural Resources Manager, Pima County Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Office
Jim Glock	Department of Transportation Director
Sylvia Carbajal	Recording Secretary, City of Tucson City Clerk's Office

2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2009
- B. Approval of Budget Subcommittee Actions from meeting of:
 - 1. December 9, 2009
- C. Approval of Plans Review Subcommittee Actions from the meeting(s) of:
 - 1. August 27, 2009
 - 2. September 24, 2009
 - 3. October 8, 2009
 - 4. October 22, 2009
 - 5. November 12, 2009
 - 6. November 19, 2009

It was moved by Commissioner Chadwick, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Commissioners Brooke, Campbell, Clinco, Herr, Lyons, RedDog, Rodriguez, Witmer absent) to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, and C.

3. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events

Chair Majewski announced she received the Arizona Historical Society's 2009 Annual Report, where they acknowledged in the donors' list the support they received from the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission. She distributed a notice she received regarding an Exhibition Opening Celebration "Mexico – the Revolution and Beyond," held December 3, 2009, which was scheduled to run through January 16, 2010. Chair Majewski also announced information on the 2nd Annual Mercado Holiday Bazaar celebrating Tucson's history and culture with a celebration of the Virgen de Guadalupe in December.

4. Removal/Appointments to Committees and to T-PCHC Subcommittees

No report was given.

5. Reports from City and County Staff

A. City of Tucson Historic Preservation Officer (Jonathan Mabry)

Jonathan Mabry reported on the following:

- a. Reported on a ceremony for the unveiling of a historical marker at the Fox Theatre on the historic ticket booth.
- b. State's Historic Sites Review Committee (HSRC) would meet in January to review a multipleproperty nomination of several Joesler-designed buildings for the City.
- c. Reported on meeting with the Plans Review Subcommittee in November to review the proposed amendment to the *Land Use Code*, which would require architectural documentation of historic buildings prior to issuing demolition permits in the City. Consensus was reached about the submittal requirements and what property owners would be required to do. He said this would apply to buildings fifty years old or older.
- d. Historic Landmark Signs – City staff was working steadily to create incentives so that owners of these types of signs would want to voluntarily get their signs designated as historic landmark signs.
- e. As part of the first segment of the El Paso Southwestern Greenway Linear Park project, a set of interpretive panels about the history of the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad would be installed next to the new Fire Central, in December.
- f. Update was given on the old Adobe Restaurant "Brown House" emergency stabilization work. La Pilita Museum and El Tiradito Shrine were also to receive funding for emergency stabilization work.
- g. Updates given on the Downtown Façade Improvement Projects, which included the façades of five historic buildings.

B. Pima County Cultural Resources Manager (Linda Mayro)

Linda Mayro gave an update on the following:

- a. Dedication of the Tohono O’Odham Nation Existing Bond Program
- b. Acquisition of the Valencia Site
- c. Intergovernmental Agreement for Mission Garden Site
- d. Adoption of the Old Fort Lowell Master Plan by the Mayor and Council and the Pima County Board of Supervisors
- e. Façade restoration of the old Walgreens building downtown
- f. Restoration of the Heritage Fund – Work on structural repairs of Ajo Catholic Church
- g. Ajo Depot Project
- h. Pending National Register Nominations
- i. City and County Bond Projects

Ms. Mayro responded to questions from Commission members, and discussion was held.

C. Tucson Department of Transportation Director (Jim Glock)

Jim Glock reported on the following:

1. Major Corridor Projects Updates:
 - a) Downtown Links Project
 - b) Modern Streetcar
 - c) 22nd Street Corridor
 - d) Silverbell Road Corridor
 - e) Greenway Master Plan

6. T-PCHC Subcommittee/Other Committee and Task Force Status Reports

A. T-PCHC Plans Review Subcommittee (Terry Majewski)

No report was given.

B. T-PCHC Rules and Regulations Subcommittee (Sandee Brooke)

No report was given.

C. T-PCHC Transportation Subcommittee (Sharon Chadwick)

No report was given.

D. Downtown Links Citizens Advisory Committee (Gerald Juliani)

No report was given.

E. Downtown Neighborhoods and Residents Council (Sarah Herr or Terry Majewski)

Chair Majewski reminded the Commission Members about the Virgen de Guadalupe festivities at the Mercado. She also announced that they met in November and were given a presentation about graffiti abatement. She said she would try to get the same presentation at a Plans Review Subcommittee meeting, to ensure sensitivity to historic districts. A presentation was also given by the group that runs Scrappy's downtown.

F. Historic Landmark Signs Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Carlos Lozano)

Commissioner Lozano reported the Subcommittee was working on the draft concept of the amendment to the Sign Code. They were defining what a historic landmark sign was, to include as many signs that qualified without creating a loophole that would allow a non-qualifying sign to slip through. He also reported the Committee would begin meeting every three weeks, instead of every four.

7. Tucson Preservation Foundation Update (Demion Clinco)

Commissioner Clinco reported they had completed the Marist College National Register Nomination. It was unclear whether the HSRC would be able to review it until October 2010. He also gave an update on the Joesler coffee-table book. They were planning to hold an adobe workshop in the spring at Fort Lowell. They were also working on a neon sign restoration project, and in coordination with the Historic Sign Code revision process, were trying to identify some neon signs that had been salvaged over the years. An update was also given on work being done to get the DeAnza Drive-In up and running again.

8. Commissioners' Summary of Current Events

Commissioner Warshaw announced they were moving to get the title of the historic Old Synagogue into the National Jewish Federation Land Bank, in an effort to preserve the building for the next one hundred years.

Commissioner Chadwick announced La Frontera Mental Health Clinic occupied buildings that were once the Livestock Exchange, and they were redoing their roof. She asked if the Commission could look at the item to ensure that no major changes to the building were made. Dr. Mabry stated they had been in contact with the planner from South Tucson on the project and would ask him to make a presentation at a Plans Review Subcommittee meeting.

Commissioner Needham invited everyone to attend the Presidio Luminaria Night held on December 12, 2009.

Commissioner Warshaw invited everyone to attend the "2nd Annual Jewish Pioneers Eat Chinese on Christmas Day," held on December 25, 2009. A video on Esther Tang would be shown.

9. Call to the Audience

No one spoke.

10. Future Agenda Items for January Meeting

Chair Majewski asked Commission members and staff to get future agenda items to her by the end of December.

11. Adjournment: 12:58 p.m.